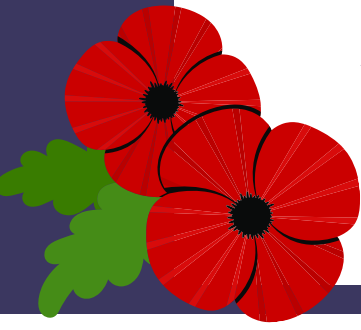


ALBERTA ELKS NEWS



Brothers, Sisters and Ladies of the Royal Purple Elks,

Our Lodges have the most amazing members, they love what they do and do such amazing things in our Communities, but as a whole we really are bad at sharing those things with the community at large, we are such a humble group.

For my term I chose **"Together We Can"** and those three simple words have such a myriad of interpretations. As Elks, we are very aware that not all generations are created equal. Growing up during different times of communication and technological advancements, each generation of volunteer has cultivated distinct ways to connect with causes they're passionate about.

In today's age of philanthropy, there is a new set of rules produced by the Information Age we are living in. As volunteer organizations we know we need to respond to the younger generation of volunteers in a more social, decentralized, and digital way to meet them where they are. We are quickly learning that traditional methods of engaging younger generations fail to resonate with them and is actually deterring them from joining.

It is a matter of the message, its delivery, and how those younger volunteers see themselves as part of the solution. This makes it necessary for us as an Association to tailor the messages we put out into the Community specific to the particular generation we want to engage with.

By knowing how to attract young donors to a non-profit, our organization will be build long-lasting relationships with young adults who can become regular contributors. In addition, we acquire valuable volunteers who know how to reach other people in their age group by leveraging those key social media and networking channels.

While it may sound like a cliché, the younger generation really is the future and OUR future. As these new members will not only help us sustain the Elks of Canada but also become its main advocates for later generations.

We know communication starts at home. We need to look at our Lodges and communicate better, otherwise **"Together We Can"** doesn't mean anything,. If we continue to cultivate the chasm between our very own members driving us apart at a time when we should be drawing closer together we don't stand a chance of bringing in those crucial members who can help ensure the Elks of Canada remain a thriving organization into the next 100 years.

We are looking to every single member within the Association to step up and be a voice for the future of the Elks of Canada. **"Together We Can"** means with a common goal of growing the order, together we can make the future something worth being excited for.

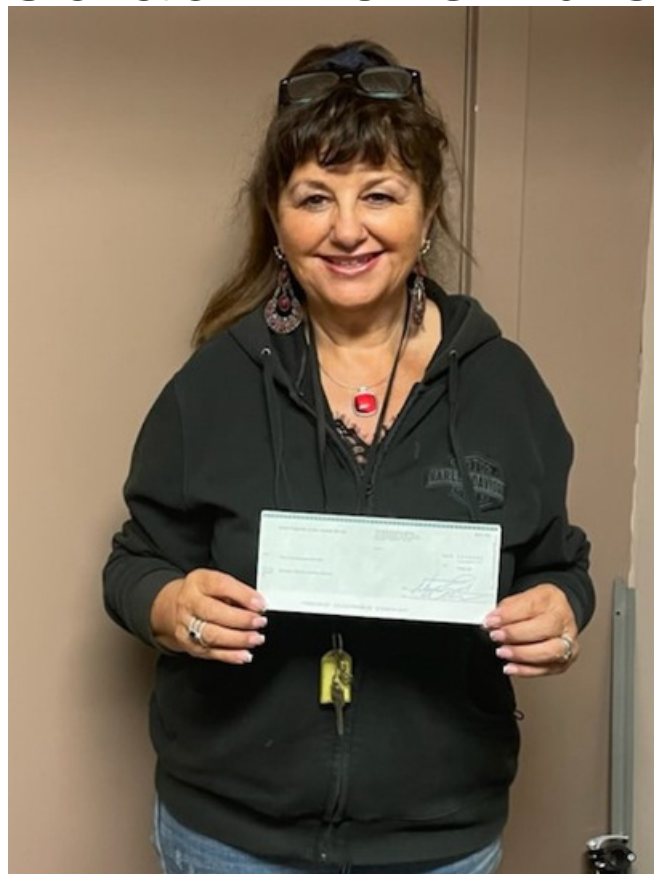
Kelly Sanford
Alberta Elks Provincial President





Do you remember the Fraternal Elk? If you haven't heard of it before that's okay it has been years since they have moved. So what is the Fraternal Elk, well for years it was a good reason to travel and meet new friends. There are four in the province, South Zone, South Central Zone, North Zone and North Central Zone. If your lodge received the Fraternal Elk in your lodge you had to move it to a lodge outside of your district within two weeks of receiving it. Legend has it the travels were fun, unlike the travelling gavel you got to pick a lodge you have never been to before, and meet new people and maybe gain some project ideas along the way. The Alberta Elks Executive is now looking to locate all 4 of these plaques in efforts to restart the tradition. If you have one in your lodge can you please send an email to elks.secretary@abelks.org to share its whereabouts. The South Central Fraternal Elk has been located.

Strathmore Elks



Pastor Elizabeth Karp with the Harvest Healing Centre accepts a \$500 donation from the Strathmore Elks Lodge #491

Lets Keep Curling!

*2nd Alberta Elks
Provincial Floor Curling Tournament*

Hosted by: Vegreville Elks Lodge 143

<p>When: March 3 & 4, 2023</p> <p>Starts - March 3 @ 7 pm (First Curling Draw @ 8 pm)</p> <p>Ends - March 4</p>	<p>Cost: \$300 per team</p> <p>Includes Saturday Lunch and Dinner</p>
<p>Where: Vegreville Senior Citizens Sunshine Club (4630 - 49 Street)</p>	
<p>Register By: February 1, 2023</p>	<p>Maximum of 20 teams</p> <p>Minimum 10 teams required (3 Elk Members and 1 Non Member per team permitted)</p>

Registration form and information available from:
 Event Organizer - Al Kornicki
 email: alkornicki1402@hotmail.ca or Ph.780-632-9296
 or
 George Childs, email: gchilds@telus.net or Ph. 780 632 6406

Tournament will follow Alberta Floor Curling Association Floor Curling Game Procedures and Rules

ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION Alberta Elks Foundation

54th ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize
\$30,000 CASH

Second Prize
\$10,000 CASH

Third Prize
\$5,000 CASH

Fourth Prize
\$1500 in Fas Gas Gift Cards

Tickets
\$2 OR \$3 OR \$5 each for

PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:

I.S.T.A.R. - Institute for Stuttering Treatment & Research
Training, Research and Treatment of Stuttering in Children and Adults

Local Community Projects
Support Local Minor Sports, Youth Groups, Playgrounds, etc.

Assistance to Underprivileged Children
With Equipment to Live and Learn in Special Schools

Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children
Supply Hearing Aids and Tests for Canadian Children

30% of all Ticket sales go directly back to the selling Lodges to invest in their communities

FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 8, 2023
All Draws to take place at the Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St. Didsbury, AB

Early Bird Draws
March 9, 2023 \$500 Fas Gas Gift Card
April 13, 2023 \$750 Fas Gas Gift Card
May 11, 2023 \$750 Fas Gas Gift Card

TICKETS AVAILABLE

Local Contact **www.elksfalconberta.ca**

78,200 TICKETS PRINTED Tickets may only be purchased or sold within the Province of Alberta. Tickets not to be sold to anyone under the age of 18 years. LICENSE NO. 605560

DID YOU KNOW?

When your Lodge donates to the Alberta Elks Foundation, it stays with the Foundation and is used to support the grant applications and general workings of the Foundation.

Only if your Lodge specifies that the funds are designated for ISTAR, will those funds be sent to ISTAR.

Please consider donating to the Alberta Elks Foundation to help support our programs.

We are looking for a Raffle Chairperson Are You Interested?

An individual must be appointed who will oversee all matters relating to the physical control and monitoring of raffle tickets issued and returned and cash related thereto. This individual should be separate from the Secretary-Treasurer to ensure segregation of duties within the charity. This person is referred to as the "Raffle Chairperson" and makes and maintains records as per the Alberta AGLC regulations.

The Raffle Chairperson must be very familiar with the rules and regulations set down by the AGLC and follow these explicitly. The following is a brief description of the responsibilities of the Raffle Chairperson used as an introduction to the position.

1. Activate bank account for new raffle.
2. Obtain start up funds of \$10,000 from the Foundation and deposit to new bank account.
3. Application to AGLC to conduct a raffle.
4. Printing of tickets and posters once the raffle has been approved.
5. Distribution of tickets, posters, and information packages to lodges.
6. Report of financials and progress to be given to the Foundation Board monthly.
7. Acquisition of prizes once there are enough funds to cover cost.
8. As per above, you are responsible for all funds coming and going from the bank account.
9. You are responsible for the tracking of all tickets until the raffle is completed.
10. After each draw, contact winner and arrange for delivery of prize via the lodge who sold the winning ticket.
11. After final draws calculate lodge commissions and issue cheques.
12. Issue final cheque for net proceeds of the raffle to the Foundation prior to October 31, after all other cheques have cleared the account.
13. December you will receive a package from AGLC, requesting the final reporting of funds. Must be completed immediately.

Join Our Team

Time Marches On... And So Can you!



Have you ever wondered how the Patrol Team makes it look so easy at Installation every year?

Are you interested in trying it out yourself but worried that you might look "silly"?

Well trust us, when we say
Let's Learn TOGETHER!

The Alberta Elks Association recognizes that Patrol Teams are becoming a lost art, but also know that we have members that would like to learn and carry on the tradition. If your lodge is interested in starting a team please let the Alberta Elks Executive know. If there is enough interest we are looking at having a patrol team workshop before conference

President Visits Viking



Provincial President Sister Kelly attended her official visit to the Viking Elks Lodge for their meeting on Wednesday.

Did you know the Viking Elks has contributed a total of \$87,985.86 over the last 13 years? The members have donated \$27,945.00 alone to the Village of Viking and community sponsorships on top of the \$44,467.77 to community projects in the Community.

The members also donated \$600.00 to the Audio Book Program!

If that isn't #amazing we don't know what is!

GER Visits Lac La Biche



Alberta's own Grand Exalted Ruler Brother Leonard Shain had the honor of attending the Lac La Biche Elks meeting and meeting some old friends while making new ones. The Lac La Biche Elks have been busy helping out their community and ensuring the public knows they are in town. They sponsored one of the new ball diamonds at their local sports complex for the next ten years. The lodge assisted a young girl from Fort McMurray with an iPad to assist her with speaking communicating with others, donated to local charities that help others during Christmas time. The lodge is continuing to grow, initiating one new member and have 2 more that are interested in joining, all while ensuring everyone is working together to help their community. This group of volunteers are thinking outside the box when it comes to ideas to promote the order and I commend them for their hard work and dedication.

4 members of the Hairy Hill Elks attended the meeting along with 12 members for Lac La Biche.



Fort Saskatchewan Welcomes President



Provincial President Sister Kelly attended her official visit to the Fort Saskatchewan Elks Lodge for their meeting and she gathered quite the crowd!

Did you know the Fort Saskatchewan Elks has contributed a total of \$93,848.95 over the last 17 years? The members have donated \$13,086.00 alone to the Fund for Children.

AND the Lodge donated \$37,681.75 to community projects in the City of Fort Saskatchewan. If that isn't #amazing we don't know what is!

Like Hide and Seek..but better!



Do you have a "stash" of Regalia hanging out at your house, your Lodge or some little corner of the world that is collecting dust bunnies?

Do you wish you could pass it along to someone?

The Association has a possible solution in mind but FIRST! we need to know who has what and where is it.

We are asking Lodges across the Association to **send us a list** of available items including Fez's and hat boxes, jackets, pants, tassels and anything else you may have available and send that into Sister Lynda at the Association office.

Halloween Meeting in Trenville



Provincial President Sister Kelly attended her official visit to the Trenville Royal Purple Elks Lodge on October 13 for their meeting and Halloween party!

On behalf of the Ian Sunquist family we would like to thank each and every one of you for the love, support and condolences during our difficult time. We miss him so every day. Elks was definitely one of his passions. Please keep the Elksdom going on his behalf.

Colleen Sunquist & Family



THE RACE IS ON!!



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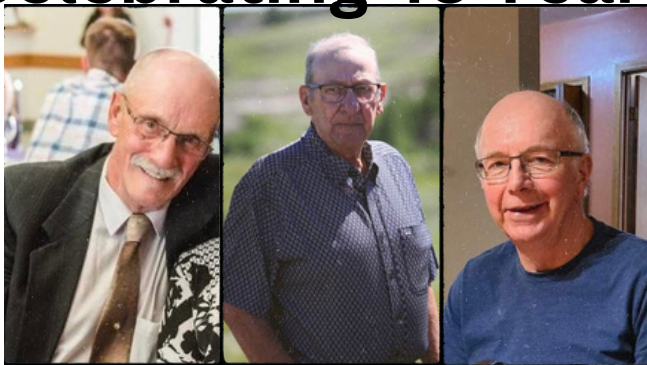
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Keep it up Alberta! Make sure to send in pictures of our new members #albertastrong

Celebrating 45 Years



Congratulations to these amazing members of the Alberta Elks Association at the Halkirk Elks Community Events; The Halkirk Elks would like to extend our Congratulations to Brother Dale Kent, Brother Dan Fowler, and Brother Dennis Cordel who reached an amazing milestone celebrating 45 years of membership with the Lodge. The amount of work, volunteer hours, and care these three members have contributed to the community over the years is immeasurable! Thank you for everything you have, and continue to do!



Looking to see Alberta's President Kelly Sanford or GER Leonard Shain as they make their round around Alberta. Here are coming up visits!

Kelly's Visits

- Tues. Nov 15 Stavelly Elks 8:00 P.M.
- Mon. Nov 21 Crossfield Elks 7:30 P.M.

Leonard's Visits

- Tue 8 Bow Island Elks No. 440
- Wed 9 Stavelly Royal Purple Elks No. 99
- Mon 14 Red Deer Elks No. 85
- Wed 16 Viking Elks No. 83
- Sat 19 Stavelly Elks No. 112 **Pheasant Hunt Fundraiser**
- Mon 21 Acme Royal Purple Elks No. 103
- Thu 24 Didsbury Elks No. 514



KIDS CAN PLAY

SPORTS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM SERVICES ALL CHILDREN FROM HALKIRK, EAST TO THE BORDER AND ALL OF PAINT EARTH COUNTY

FREE PROGRAM TO GEAR UP KIDS TO PLAY

**BASKETBALL BASEBALL
HOCKEY GOLF SOCCER
AND MORE!**

CALL OR EMAIL MATT PEACOCK FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR A FITTING

**mattpeacock1984@gmail.com
587-877-1146**

**BECAUSE ALL KIDS SHOULD GET TO PLAY!
#KIDSCANPLAY**



*One kid's dream,
can become a reality*

Alberta Elks Foundation
is raising funds to purchase
audio books for the
Alberta Children's Hospital.

**Help us reach our goal
of providing all
children no matter
their circumstances
with a bedtime story**

E-transfer donations to
albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com
Tax Receipts available

/ <http://elksfalberta.ca> / elks.secretary@abelks.org

The Alberta Elks Association
are able to accept E-transfers!!

Instructions for setting up

Recipient – Alberta Elks Association

Email Address – elks.secretary@abelks.org

Security Question – Where is our office?

Answer – Bentley

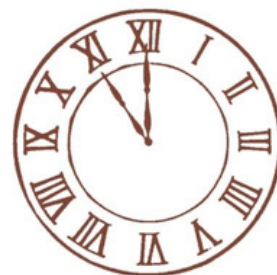
It would be appreciated that when you
E-transfer you provide an explanation
about the funds being sent so the amount
can be coded to the correct account.

PLEASE NOTE

this is NOT to be used for donations to the
Alberta Elks Foundation.

Miscellaneous – E-Transfer Memo

*"It is the hour of eleven when all Elks cease
from their labours and again renew within their
hearts their obligations to each other with
special regard to our absent and departed
Members"*



Brother Barry Turner
MAY 20, 1950 ~ OCTOBER 21,
2022
Fort Saskatchewan Elks lodge

10. **Coach members on creating a welcoming experience**

Getting potential new members to attend meetings is only half the battle! Remind current members to greet newcomers and avoid club jargon when there are visitors.

11. **Ask members to list their membership in their**

professional bios It gets your club name in front of more people, builds your organization's prestige, and reminds members to talk about it.

12. **Create an invitation email template your members can**

use Make it easy for members to send invitations by doing most of the work for them. You could also create paper-based pamphlets or member application forms, or boiler-plate text that current members can copy and paste into emails or Facebook messages that they send to colleagues.

13. **Give members a button or pin and encourage them to wear it**

Make sure it's stylish so members will be more likely to wear it, and people will ask what it's about.

14. **Conduct exit interviews with departing members**

When you know why people are leaving, you can start figuring out ways to keep them

15. **Create perks for club members who recruit new members**

Little perks and freebies can really motivate people. Think about gift certificates, a shout-out at your next meeting, or even reserving a coveted parking space for members who bring in new blood.

16. **Create a promotional video**

Members can share it with their contacts, and you can share it on social media.



District Deputy Lawrence Pidluzny has put on his thinking cap and is sharing ideas on increasing membership!! Here are a few more ideas with more to come!! Thanks Lawrence